(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether number of concessions were provided in the budget for textiles;

(d) if so, whether the Government is considering to give further concessions to the textile units;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when it is being announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) and (b) Central Government in Ministry of Textiles has not conducted a survey among textile exporters.

(c) to (f) The concessions announced in the Budget proposals (2003-04) for the textile sector *inter-alia* included reduction in excise duty from 16% to 12% on non-cotton spun yarns and filament yarns, from 32% to 24% on polyester filament yarn, from 12% to 10% on woven fabrics, garments and made-ups, etc. After the announcement of the Budget proposals Government has prescribed a simplified Central Excise Procedure for export of readymade garments and registration of Powerloom Weavers/Hand Processors/Dealers of Yarn and Fabrics/ Manufacturers of Readymade Garments.

Adjustment of surplus officials of NTC headquarters in zones

4322. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minster of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the surplus officials of the NTC headquarters will be adjusted in the zones; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the criteria to choose the officials in the zones; and

(c) whether the proposal submitted by the NTC management has been taken into consideration; if so, with results thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL) (a) As a part of rehabilitation schemes sanctioned by BIFR/Government the number of operational mills of NTC would come down to 53 and the number of workers would also go down to about 36,000. Since there is a reduction in the number of

mills under NTC there has to be a proportionate reduction in the number of employees in the corporate offices also. Hence the surplus officials of the NTC headquarters will be offered VRS.

(b) The selection of employees for the zones will be made by the companies after assessment of their utility to the Organisation.

(c) The decision for restructuring was taken after considering all view- points including that of NTC management.

Closure of textile mills

4323. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills closed during 2001-02 and 2002-03;

(b) if so, the reasons for closure of these mills;

(c) the number of labourers becoming jobless due to closure of these mills: and

(d) whether Government has any proposal to revive these closed mills;

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) The number of cotton/man-made fibre textile mills (non-SSI) closed during 2001-02 and 2002-03 (February end, 2003) is 39 and 27 respectively.

(b) Reasons for closure of these mills are as under:

Reasons of closure	2001-02	2002-03 (end February, 03)	Total
Financial Difficulties	20	12	32
1	2	3	4
Strike/Labour Problems	3	2	5
Lockout	3	2	5
Other Reasons	13	11	24
Total	39	27	66